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ABSTRACT

This book is designed to prepare information mentors-educators, parents, educational concept developers, subject-matter experts, and others who guide K-12 students to information literacy to provide instruction, guidance, and services to teach K-12 students how to solve information problems using a variety of information tools and resources. The introduction describes the challenges involved in learning and teaching in a technology- and information-rich society, and presents the Big6 information problem-solving process as a vehicle for information mentors to help students develop information literacy skills. Chapter 1, "Planning Instruction Using the Internet," provides a background on using the Internet in instruction, and guidelines for planning instructional opportunities that incorporate the use of the Internet within an information problem-solving approach. Sample less plans and projects are given. Chapter 2, "Coaching K-12 Students with the Internet," presents issues involved when using the Internet with K-12 students and offers suggestions for successful information mentoring experiences. Chapter 3, "Communicating with Students on the Internet," provides background on the role of telecommunications activities in education, particularly Ask-an-Expert services and telementoring projects, and offers suggestions for promoting the use of information problem-solving through online communications. Chapter 4, "Designing and Providing Content on the Internet for K-12 Students," describes some different types of Internet resources designed for K-12 students and offers guidelines and examples for designing content that enhances learning and promotes an information problem-solving approach. Each chapter includes a summary, annotated list of resources, and a worksheet for applying the principles of the chapter. Appendices provide information on: getting started on the Internet (courses and resources); searching on the Internet; evaluation of Internet sites; academic standards on the Internet; locating and designing school Web pages; citing Internet sources; online safety; and designing Web sites. Includes an index. (Contains 76 references.) (AEF)

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